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PATENT APPLICATION

**DISTINGUISHING POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FILMS
SYSTEM AND METHOD**

ABSTRACT

5 A system and method for scanning a photographic film using a scanner
automatedly identifies the film as either a positive or negative and controls the scanner
settings to perform the scan accordingly. The method includes performing a pre-scan of
the film, sampling a color density of at least one location of the film, comparing the color
density to a standard range indicating an orange bias for the at least one location, and
10 setting the scanner to treat the film as a negative if the color density is within the standard
range and to otherwise treat the film as a positive.

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